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MINUTES

OF

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF

Little River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

Little Creek

JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.

ELDER E. F. PEARCE, Moderator—Princeton, N. C.
ELDER T. F. ADAMS, Clerk—Willow Springs, N. C.
BRO. D. E. YOUNG, Assistant Clerk—Angier, N. C.

Proceedings

First: Services were introduced at the stand at eleven o'clock Friday morning with prayer by Elder E. C. Jones, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. F. Adams, from Prov. 9th chapter, 1st to 6th verses.

Second: After an intermission of one hour, the association met in the house and praise and prayer by Elder W. J. Berry.

Third: Letters from the churches composing this association were called for, presented, read and contents noted in statistical table. Messengers seated.

Fourth: The association was then organized by choosing Elder E. F. Pearce, Moderator and Elder T. F. Adams, Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother D. E. Young.

Fifth: Appointed Brothers W. F. Young, J. A. Batten and J. C. Langdon, a Committee on Finance.

Sixth: Invited corresponding and visiting brethren to seats with us, after which Elders Xure Lee, C. L. Robbins and L. W. Turner were appointed to preach at the stand in the afternoon.

Seventh: Called on messengers from sister associations to report.

From Abbott's Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell and wife and Bro. C. G. Jones, and a file of minutes.

From Black Creek: Elder J. T. Williams and a file of minutes.

From Bear Creek: Elder W. C. Edwards and wife, Bros. H. F. and S. T. Curlee, and a file of minutes.

From Contentnea: Elder J. E. Mewborn, and a file of minutes.

From Kehukee: Elders R. B. Denson and C. L. Robbins and a file of minutes.

From Lower Country Line: Brother Arthur Adams, and a file of minutes.

From Lower Mayo: Elders J. W. Wyatt and Jack Pulliam, and a file of minutes.

From Mill Branch: Elder H. G. Cox and Bros. E. L. Vault and J. H. Carter, and a file of minutes.

From Staunton River: No tidings, and a file of minutes.

From Salem: Elders L. P. Martin, Z. L. Rhue, and Bro. S. G. Snider, and a file of minutes.

From Seven Mile: Bros. W. J. Tew and B. L. Godwin, Elders Xure Lee, L. W. Turner, Lester Lee and L. A. Johnson, and a file of minutes.

From Upper Country Line: Elder W. C. King and wife and Sister Neal, and a file of minutes.

From White Oak: Elders W. A. Walton, L. L. Yopps, Bro. G. R. Shepherd and others, and a file of minutes.

From other associations and churches as visitors we had the following: Elder W. J. Berry and wife from Seculia Church, California and Elder C. F. Hall from Laurel Springs Association.

Eighth: Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

Ninth: Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Abbott's Creek: Elder Shepherd Langdon, Bros. Wade Brown and J. C. Langdon, and a file of minutes.

To Bear Creek: Elders E. F. Pearce, W. H. Freeman and T. F. Adams, and a file of minutes.

To Black Creek: Bros. H. A. Johnson, Wade Brown and M. G. Thompson, and a file of minutes.

To Contentnea: Elder E. C. Jones, Bros. H. A. Johnson and M. B. Pleasant, and a file of minutes.

Te Kehukee: Elders E. C. Jones and T. F. Adams, and a file of minutes.

To Lower Country Line: Elders E. C. Jones, Shepherd Langdon and Bros. E. B. Pearce, J. C. Langdon, and a file of minutes.

To Lower Mayo: Elder W. H. Freeman, and a file of minutes.

To Mill Branch: Elder E. F. Pearce and Bro. H. A. Johnson and a file of minutes.

To Salem: Elders E. C. Jones and T. F. Adams, and a file of minutes.

To Seven Mile: Bros. C. L. Dupree, G. M. Stewart and M. B. Pleasant, and a file of minutes.

To Staunton River: A file of minutes.

To Upper Country Line: Elder T. F. Adams, and a file of minutes.

To White Oak: Elder E. C. Jones and Bros. H. A. Johnson and J. C. Langdon, and a file of minutes.

Tenth: Called on the brethren appointed last year to visit sister associations to report; the brethren generally attended and those who did not were excused.

Eleventh: Agreed that the Finance Committee take charge of the minutes we have from sister associations and prepare them for proper distribution among the churches of this association.

Twelfth: Agreed that the messengers of this church, together with Elders E. C. Jones and Shepherd Langdon, who were appointed by the Moderator to arrange for preaching during the sitting of the association.

Thirteenth: Appointed preachers for tomorrow morning, as

follows: Elders L. A. Johnson, T. W. Walker, S. T. Atkinson, L. P. Martin and R. B. Denson.

Fourteenth: Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Fellowship, Johnston County, North Carolina, to begin at eleven o'clock on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1945, and that Elder Shepherd Langdon preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder W. H. Freeman be his alternate.

Fifteenth: Ordered the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and have one thousand copies printed and distribute them as per the order hereinafter prescribed, and enter a copy on our association record, and that he be allowed Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) for his services.

Sixteenth: Agreed to begin services at the stand each day at ten o'clock in the morning.

Seventeenth: Ordered the Finance Committee to pay the usual expenses of the Association and distribute the balance of the funds left in their hands among our visiting ministers, and furnish our clerk with a final report on the amount received and distributed.

Eighteenth: On motion the association agreed to adjourn until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Nineteenth: Agreed that all irregular trade or traffic be forbidden within legal bounds of the association during its sitting.

Twentieth: Called on the Finance Committee to report, and they reported as follows:

RECEIPTS

Received from the churches this year	$235.15
Received from friends during the meeting	$ 70.25
Total Receipts	$305.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Clerk Services	$ 15.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$ 45.00
Gift to Moderator	$ 10.00
Paid Incidental Expenses by the Church	$ 0
Distributed among visiting ministers	$235.40
Total Disbursements	$305.40

Report received and committee discharged.

Twenty-first: Agreed that any ministers or messengers from sister associations reporting to our Clerk, either day, be entered on our minutes in regular order.

Twenty-second: Agreed that our Clerk give timely notice of the

time and place of holding the association with all necessary information pertaining thereto.

Twenty-third: Received report of Elders E. C. Jones and T. F. Adams, and committee discharged.

Twenty-fourth: Adopted resolution of respect for Elder R. B. Parrish, deceased.

Twenty-fifth: On motion proceedings were read and adjourned. Benediction by Elder W. A. Walton.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The association desires to express its thanks to the Smith Lumber Company of Smithfield, N. C., for furnishing lumber to build the stand and provide seats, also the Chamber of Commerce of Smithfield for their kindness in supplying ice water for the large congregation in attendance. Nor can we forget the kindness of Mr. W. J. Woodard, who provided ample parking space for our cars, and the untiring efforts of our neighbors and friends of the community in making every one a welcome guest, will long be remembered. Surely the Lord is good to His people.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR ELDER R. B. PARRISH

Resolved: That we, the churches composing the Little River Primitive Baptist Association, desire to thank our Heavenly Father for His great mercies and the precious gift of our beloved and highly esteemed brother and minister of the Gospel, Elder R. B. Parrish, who departed this life Feb. 3, 1944. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry Sunday, Aug. 6, 1939, and until death earnestly proclaimed the doctrine of Salvation by Grace through a crucified and a risen Saviour. He fought the good fight of faith; therefore we believe that a crown of righteousness is his.

We greatly miss his presence, but bow in humble submission to God, who doeth all things after the counsel of His own will. Knowing that He is Supreme Ruler, and that from His inexhaustible fullness he is able to call and qualify others to preach to His honor and glory, and comfort to the hearts of His chosen people.

Done by order of Conference, September 24, 1944.

Elder E. F. Pearce, Moderator
Elder T. F. Adams, Clerk
Bro. D. E. Young, Asst. Clerk.

PREACHING SERVICES

Friday, eleven o'clock A.M., the association met and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. C. Jones, after which Elder T. F.

Adams preached the introductory sermon from Prov. 9th chapter and 1st to 6th verses.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Xure Lee—Matt. 1st ch. 21st verse.
Elder C. L. Robbins—John 17th ch., 1st verse.
Elder L. W. Turner—1st Cor. 15th ch., 49th verse.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder T. W. Walker—Isaiah 61st. ch., 1st and 2nd verses.
Elder L. A. Johnson—John 1st ch., 13th verse.
Elder S. T. Atkinson—No special text
Elder L. P. Martin—1st Cor., 4th ch., 7th verse.
Elder R. B. Denson—Isaiah, 1st ch., 18th verse.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder W. J. Berry—Heb. 10th ch., 12th, 23rd verses.
Elder J. W. Wyatt—"Except your righteousness," etc.
Elder W. E. Jarrell—"Preach ye the word," etc.
Elder H. G. Cox—1st. Cor. 15th ch.
Elder Eddie Humphrey—No special text.

SUNDAY MORNING AT STAND

Elder J. T. Williams—2 Titus, "for the grace of God," etc.
Elder E. C. Stone—1st. ch. 2nd Peter, 5th verse.
Elder W. C. Edwards—Isaiah 40th ch., 1st and 2nd verses.
Elder W. C. King—"Come up through great tribulation," etc.

SUNDAY MORNING IN THE HOUSE

Elder Jack Pulliam—John 6th ch., 37th verse.
Elder C. F. Hall—Isaiah 46th ch., 10th verse.
Elder E. C. Stephenson—Judges, 16th ch. 4th verse.
Elder W. R. Hines—Deut. 33rd ch., 29th verse.
Elder Lester Lee—No special text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT STAND

Elder Z. L. Rhue—Romans 8th ch., 28th verse.
Elder J. E. Mewborn—Job, 19th ch.
Elder W. A. Walton—No special text.
Elder L. L. Yopps—Isaiah 53rd ch., 2nd verse.

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING QUARTERLY MEETINGS, WITH PASTOR'S NAME ATTACHED

Angier: Elder T. F. Adams, pastor; first Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December. Services at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday; 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Bethany: Elder E. C. Jones, pastor; fourth Sunday and Saturday before, in February, May, August and November.

Bethel: Elder F. H. Nordan, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December.

Clement: Elder Shepherd Langdon, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September, and December. 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Cedar Grove: No pastor; first Sunday and Saturday before, in February, May, August and November.

Fellowship: Elder Shepherd Langdon, pastor; first Sunday and Saturday before, in February, May, August and November.

Hannah's Creek: Elder Xure Lee, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before, in February, May, August, and November.

Little Creek: Elder T. F. Adams, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before in January, April, July and October. Services 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Middle Creek: Elder E. C. Jones, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before, in February, May, August and November.

Mt. Gilead: Elder E. F. Pearce, pastor; first Sunday at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in March, June, September and December.

Mt. Zion: Elder L. W. Turner, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in January, April, July and October.

Oak Grove: No pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November.

Raleigh: Elder W. R. Hines, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before, in February, May, August and November. Services at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. (Quarterly only.)

Sandy Grove: Elder Luther Turner, pastor; third Sunday and Saturday before, in March, June, September and December. 2:30 p.m. Saturday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Union: Elder N. S. Davis, pastor; second Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December.

Willow Springs: Elders T. F. Adams, pastor: fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February, May, August and November. Services at 2:30 p.m., on Saturdays and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

NAMES OF MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE LITTLE RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C., Route 1.

Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C., Route 1.

Elder F. H. Nordan, Benson, N. C., Route 2.

Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.

Elder W. H. Freeman, Hillsboro, N. C., Route No. 3.
Elder Shepherd Langdon, Angier, N. C., Route 1.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek: 20 copies. J. A. Snider, 1122 North Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.

Black Creek: 30 copies. Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.

Bear Creek: 22 copies. J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.

Contentnea: 30 copies. Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.

Kehukee: 30 copies. Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.

Lower Country Line: 20 copies. J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C.

Lower Mayo: 20 copies. M. B. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mill Branch: 20 copies. M. Mears, Tabor City, N. C.

Staunton River: 20 copies. Elder W. R. Dodd, Dry Fork, Va.

Seven Miles: 15 copies. Elder L. W. Turner, Erwin, N. C.

Salem: 15 copies. Elder Z. L. Rhew, Winston-Salem, N. C., R.F.D. 2.

Upper Country Line: 30 copies. Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C., R.F.D.

White Oak: 30 copies. Elder R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, NUMBER OF MINUTES, CLERK'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS

Angier: 60 copies. W. F. Young, Angier, N. C.

Bethel: 40 copies. D. E. Young, Angier, N. C.

Bethany: 45 copies. W. H. Woodard, Pine Level, N. C.

Clement: 30 copies. W. A. Langdon, Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3.

Cedar Grove: 20 copies. J. B. Powell, Wake Forest, N. C., Route 1.

Fellowship: 60 copies. J. C. Langdon, Coats, N. C., Route 1.

Hannah's Creek: 80 copies. C. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C., Route 1.

Little Creek: 40 copies. J. J. Batten, Smithfield, N. C.

Middle Creek: 30 copies. C. L. Dupree, Willow Springs, N. C. Route 1.

Mt. Gilead: 15 copies. Miss Hester Stancil, Clayton, N. C., P. O. Box 64.

Mt. Zion: 25 copies. W. T. Hodges, Benson, N. C.

Oak Grove: 20 copies. L. M. Jones, Raleigh, N. C., Route 4.

Raleigh: 30 copies. J. P. Temple, Selma, N. C.

Sandy Grove: 30 copies. Alex Dupree, Willow Springs, N. C., Route 1.

Union: 40 copies. M. G. Thompson, Smithfield, N. C., Route 2.

Willow Springs: 50 copies. J. C. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C., Route 1.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Little River Primitive Baptist Association, agree for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor, with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, and that this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known his mind and will to the children of men in His word, which word we believe to be a divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testament.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that the election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgressions he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly or to truly repent of his sins or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again, will persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

9. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only a duty from a principle of love.

10. We believe baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

11. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the churches' judgment.

12. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and final judgment.

13. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

14. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Little River Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association, provided the church is at peace at the time appointment is made.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed the number of members in full fellowship, the number received by experience and baptism, the number received by letter, the number dismissed by letter, and the number excommunicated, and those who died since the last Association was held.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Little River Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by members composing it. The Moderator to be chosen annually at each Association, the Clerk to continue in office during his pleasure or the pleasure of the Association.

6. New churches may be admitted into the union by a written petition presented by messengers, with letter, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly it may be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association, but shall have only three messengers from each church.

8. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read, and before it shall be debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether or not it shall be debated; and if a majority votes for debating, the query shall be debated; otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made by any messenger which received a second shall be considered by the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the messengers offering it.

10. The Association shall furnish the churches in the union with Minutes of its proceedings.

11. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the Association, and recommend that each church composing it voluntarily contribute such sums as they think proper, and send by their messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Clerk, who shall account for the same, and pay it out as directed by the Association.

12. The Clerk shall have a book wherein shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association, as well as a record of the dates of each Association, and when associations are held at the different churches in the union, for which he shall receive a yearly compensation.

13. The Association shall provide for the general union of churches and shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same; shall give churches all necessary advice when called upon to do so; shall inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church not represented at each Association; shall appropriate the money contributed by the church for Association fund to any purpose it deems proper; may appoint any memebr or members by and wth their consent

to transact any business connected with the Association; shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union, which violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of our faith.

14. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

15. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority vote.

16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and approved and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration, and shall in no way reflect on any brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference, without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in other terms or appellation than the title of the brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other members are through speaking, whom he may give his views, after which messengers having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any mmber who shall violate any rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Yr. Asso. Last Held	Contributions
Angier	Bros. D. T. Adcock, A. H. Dupree and W. F. Young	6	0	0	0	3	0	61	1	1937	$24.00
Bethel	Bros. D. E. Young, C. T. Clayton and S. R. Young	1	0	2	0	0	1	40	2	1934	15.00
Bethany	Bros. Eddie Oliver, J. R. Thompson and W. H. Woodard	6	0	0	1	0	0	45	4	1941	15.00
Clement	Bros. W. A. Langdon, H. A. Johnson and J. T. King	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	3	1940	15.00
Cedar Grove											
Fellowship	Elders W. H. Freeman, Shepherd Langdon and Bro. J. C. Langdon	1	1	1	0	0	1	50	1	1931	25.05
Hannah's Creek	Bros. W. W. West, T. E. Johnson and C. A. Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	3	80	3	1938	13.00
Little Creek	Bros. J. J. Batten, Matthew Casey and Hassell Martin	0	0	1	0	0	0	29	3	1930	36.60
Middle Creek	Elder E. C. Jones, Bros. C. L. Dupree and B. H. Whitley	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	1943	15.50
Mt. Gilead	Bros. W. C. Williams, Everett Ennis and C. B. Stancil	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1	1907	4.00
Mount Zion	Bros. W. T. Hodges and W. E. Denning	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	1942	3.00
Oak Grove	Bros. L. M. Jones and W. E. Hamilton	0	0	0	2	0	0	13	2		6.00
Raleigh	Bro. J. L. Britt	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	1902	8.00
Sandy Grove	Bros. S. L. Ogburn, G. C. Langdon and M. B. Pleasant	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	3	1933	11.00
Union	Bros. M. G. Thompson, J. P. Tyner and E. P. Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	2	1932	12.50
Willow Springs	Bros. J. C. Adams, E B. Pearce, R. H. Holland	0	4	0	0	1	0	44	4	1939	31.50